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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office action is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed under 37 CFR §1.53(d) on 7/22/08. Applicants have properly set forth the RCE, which has been entered into the application, and an examination on the merits follows herewith. The Examiner acknowledges Applicant's submission of a 131 Affidavit and the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer on 6/23/08. All pending claims have been rejected where the previous rejection has been maintained. In view of the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer on 6/23/08, the provisional non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-20 over copending Application No. **10/868484** has been withdrawn.
2. The 131 Affidavit filed on 6/23/08 under 37 CFR 1.131 has been considered but is ineffective to overcome the Kumar et al. (US2006/0100912A1) reference. The affidavit does not provide factual evidence for proof of actual reduction to practice or diligence. The proof of actual reduction to practice must show that the apparatus actually existed and worked for its intended purpose.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kumar et al. (US2006/0100912A1) further in view of Ram et al. (US2003/0009411A1).

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Claims 1 and 12: Kumar discloses an interactive risk management method and system for providing risk information (Kumar: par. [0314]: capable of displaying warnings for prospective policies) associated with one or more of a plurality of processes, the method comprising the steps of: providing a computer including a processor, an input device, a display, and a memory (Kumar: Fig. 175: items #17512, #17514 and #17504); storing in the memory at least one risk message associated with at least one of the plurality of processes (Kumar: .par. [0314] and Fig. 1: item #104); receiving at the processor user command signals entered through the input device (Kumar: .par. [0890] and Fig. 175) ; displaying to the user through the browser the mapping of the plurality of processes, with each of a set of the displayed processes having an associated actuatable display region (Kumar: par. [0292 - 0294] and Fig.12); receiving at the processor signals corresponding to user actuation of an actuatable display region of a selected process (Kumar: par. [0867] and Fig. 169); and displaying to the user through the browser, in response to the user actuation, the at least one risk message (**Kumar:** par. [0867]; (e.g. error/status box) and Fig. 169) associated with the selected process, thereby allowing the user to gain information about the selected process and any associated risk (Kumar: par. [0867] and Fig. 169); displaying a graphic user interface including a browser on the display (Kumar: par. [0475]); Kumar does not disclose "storing in the memory a mapping of a plurality of processes". However, Ram does disclose storing the market trading data in the memory (Ram: par. [0077]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have store the market trading data in the memory in Kumar's

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system. One would have been motivated to store data in the memory to recall and display on the graphical interface (Ram: par. [0077]).

Claims 2 and 13: Kumar in view of Ram disclose the interactive risk management method and system of claims 1 and 12, further comprising: providing inputs by users using the input device and a browser (Kumar: fig. 1 : items #190 and #104) connected to a computer network (Kumar: par. [0202]; fig. 1: items #100, #112 and #190); communicating command signals through the computer network to access and display to the user the mapping (Kumar: par. [0451 - 0452]); and actuating the actuatable display regions to selectively view the at least one risk message (Kumar: par. [0867]; (e.g. error/status box) and Fig. 169).

Claims 3 and 14: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management method and system of claims 2 and 13, the computer network is an intranet (Kumar: par. [0203]).

Claims 4 and 15: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management method and system of claims 2 and 13, the computer network is an Internet (Kumar: par. [203]).

Claims 5 and 16: Kumar in view of Ram disclose the interactive risk management method and system of claims 1 and 12, further comprising: Kumar: disclose associating actuatable display regions with link data addressing linkable data (clicking a name (e.g. a hyperlinked name))(Kumar: par. [0369]), but Kumar does not explicitly disclose "stored in the memory". However, Ram does disclose storing the market trading data in the memory (Ram: par. [0077]).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combine linkable data (market trading data) store in the memory in Kumar's system. One would have been motivated to include linkable data links stored in memory to easily accessible whenever needed to display on the graphical interface (Ram: par. [0077]);

Kumar disclose responding at the processor to actuation of a selective actuatable display region to communicate via a respective link data (Kumar: par. [0223]), but Kumar does not explicitly disclose communicate with the memory.

However, Ram does disclose data stored in memory and to graphically display the data over a selected time period may be selectively invoked by a trader (Ram: par. [0266]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combine linkable data link with memory in Kumar's system. One would have been motivated to include linkable data links stored in memory to quickly recall data on the graphical interface (Ram: par. [0077]); and

Kumar disclose retrieving the corresponding linkable data (the user clicks on a hyperlinked name, the proximity analysis wizard appears pre-populated) (Kumar: par. [0371]).

Claims 6 and 17: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management method and system of claims 5 and 16, wherein the link data is a hyperlink (Kumar: par. [0371]).

Claims 7 and 18: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management method and system of claims 1 and 12, further comprising the step of: operating at the processor

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mapping software (Kumar: par. [0010]; GIS application, such as Arc Info) to display the mapping and the plurality of processes as graphical representations on the display (Kumar: par. [0868] and Fig. 170).

Claim 8: Kumar in view of Ram disclose the interactive risk management system of claim 7, Kumar disclose the mapping software displays on the display to indicate risk information available to the user (Kumar: par. [0867] (e.g. error/status box) and Fig. 169) but Kumar does not explicitly disclose "a graphical stop sign image". However, Ram does disclose graphical stop sign image (Ram: fig. 18: item #154 and par. [0478]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have combine a graphical stop sign image on mapping software in Kumar's system. One would have been motivated to include a graphical stop sign image to terminate the process (Ram: fig. 18: item #154 and par. [0478]).

Claim 9: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management system of claim 7, wherein the mapping software displays the processes in a multi-dimensional format (Kumar: par. [0213]: JPEG, FIFF).

Claims 10 and 19: Kumar in view of Ram disclose the interactive risk management method and system of claims 7 and 18, Kumar does disclose the mapping software (Kumar: par. [0011]), but Kumar does not disclose "displays subsets of the plurality of processes in a plurality of horizontal lanes, the horizontal lanes being oriented one above the other vertically".

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However, Ram does disclose the graphical representation includes at least one grid having plurality of cells (subsets of presses) arranged in an array of at least one row or at least one column (Ram: [0015]). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have display plurality of processes in mapping software in Kumar's system. One would have been motivated to include subsets of processes on mapping software to display multiple lanes (Ram: [0015]: rows and columns).

Claims 11 and 20: Kumar discloses the interactive risk management method and system of claims 7 and 18, wherein the mapping software is graphics software (Kumar: par. [0011]).

Conclusion

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